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2004*In re* Serial No. 10/048,170 KUNO ET AL.

Appl No.: 10/048,170

: DECISION GRANTING

Filed: April 26, 2002

: PETITION

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF CERAMIC PRODUCT  
AND CERAMIC PRODUCT

: 37 CFR 1.181

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This is a decision on the petition filed November 7, 2003 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.181(a)(3) to compel consideration by the examiner of her Comments on Statements of Reasons for Allowance.

In the petition, applicant raised two issues of concern. First, applicant was concerned that the examiner's statement that "it is understood that as the phrase "maximum internal friction, represented by the natural logarithm of the inverse of said internal friction, equals to  $1 \times 10^{-3}$ " is understood " $1 \times 10^{-3}$ " represents the highest acceptable internal friction, even though the magnitude of log Q-1 is the lowest acceptable number (i.e., acceptable log Q-1 numbers would be  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  or  $1 \times 10^{-2}$ )" is unclear, as it appears to indicate that the only acceptable numbers are  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  or  $1 \times 10^{-2}$ .

Second, applicant was concerned that the examiner's characterization of the second paragraph of page 11 of the specification indicated that the second paragraph referred to the body before the infiltration of resin. Applicant submitted that the second paragraph also referred to the final product after infiltration of the resin.

Regarding the first issue, it is noted that the term "i.e." in that statement should have been "e.g.". The use of the numbers  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  and  $1 \times 10^{-2}$  in the statement were only meant as exemplary, and were not the only possible acceptable values.

Regarding the second issue, Mr. Pous, an attorney for applicant, was contacted by SPE Shrive Beck on February 4, 2004 to discuss this issue and seek clarification. As a result of the discussion held, the applicant agreed to the following amendment to the specification: to amend page 11, line 17, to change "least" to "most". This change satisfies both applicant's and the examiner's concerns with respect to this portion of the specification.

The petition is GRANTED.

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